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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus (300) for data recording using carbon nanotube electron sources (320) is described. The present invention relates to using a Carbon Nanotube as a source for an electron beam (350) suitable for real-time writing of data to a storage medium (390). Carbon nanotube electron emitters are used as electron sources for recording data marks onto various recording media. In one embodiment, the invention is an apparatus. The apparatus includes a substrate (310). The apparatus further includes a carbon nanotube mounted on the substrate. The apparatus also includes an extraction electrode mounted in proximity to a tip of the carbon nanotube.

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